



Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873

The Antlers

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Message To The Members From Steve Schlamb, Exalted Ruler

I We are fast approaching the end of our Elks year. Let us look back at all we have achieved. We have exceeded our goals in charitable giving and are second in our division in per capita donations for the Harry-Anna Trust fund. We will be recognized at the Florida State convention for this achievement. This would not happen without your support. However, now is not the time to rest on our achievements. There is still work to be done. Membership across the state is increasing. Members are the lifeblood of the organization. Please continue to recruit new members.

Do you have an interest in how the Lodge is operated? How do we pay the bills and what are we even



paying for? Want to have a say in how the Lodge operates? Now is your chance. February 14 There will be a PER meeting to discuss next years Lodge officers. All interested members are invited to attend.

The Lodge is run by volunteers. Please consider joining a committee of any interest you have. Most committees will need a minimum of your time. Not interested in a formal committee? Marianne Tithof always needs help monitoring the Lodge during rental events. I would encourage to get involved in the Lodge.



As always Yours in Elkdom,
Steve Schlamb ER

ELK OF THE MONTH Frank Husband

For all that you do (and fix), we thank you!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark Chick Nick Nelson Helen Robinson



February Birthdays

William Adams	01-Feb	Kevin Leon	22-Feb
Arthur L. Hallman	02-Feb	William Chris March	22-Feb
Robert Rochefort	03-Feb	Tracy Davis	23-Feb
Carolyn Jackson	03-Feb	Cynthia Zellner	23-Feb
Peter Gelesky	04-Feb	Rene A Couture III	24-Feb
Betty Lambert	04-Feb	Rick Danilowski	24-Feb
John Resudek	06-Feb	Kenneth Barrett	25-Feb
Todd Danberry	09-Feb	Steven Mazon	25-Feb
Michael Gugliano	09-Feb	Brenda Clement	26-Feb
Warren L Shepard	09-Feb	Myrna Lee	27-Feb
John A. Calabrese Jr.	10-Feb	Aubrey Thompson	27-Feb
Brian Light	11-Feb	Kenneth Edwards	28-Feb
James R Ballus	14-Feb	Shawn Simpson	29-Feb
Randall Strickland	14-Feb		
Randall Bodine	17-Feb		
Charlene Cohen	17-Feb		
Richard Swope	17-Feb		
Craig E Dawson	18-Feb		
Laurence Lentz	20-Feb		
Ronald Doll	21-Feb		
Glenda Merkel	21-Feb		

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873
Birthday Drink Coupon
 This coupon entitles you to 1 Free Drink of your choice any dinner night of your birthday month.
One coupon per member
 Coupon good for
 February 2023 Birthdays Only

RENEW
Your Membership

PAY YOUR DUES BY MAIL, IN PERSON OR CALL THE SECRETARY



Lead
with
Enthusiasm

Become a Lodge Officer

Are you a person who likes a challenge?

If you are a person who likes challenges you may want to become an officer in our Lodge. How would you like to know more about the inner workings of Elksdom. The officers of our Lodge along with the Trustees make up the Board of Directors and meet as such in decisions that affect the Lodge and all its members. If you are so inclined then please gather with us on **February 14 at 5pm**. We will have a quick meal and ask the sitting officer their intentions for the upcoming Lodge year. We will then ask anyone at the meeting if they wish to become a "Red Coat" Come join us. Any Questions please contact me at rbkiss@aol.com

Bob Barry



St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Friday, March 17, 2023

\$17 for Members and Their Guests
\$8 for Kids 12 and Under



Dinner Buffet

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Traditional Irish Dinner Featuring
Corned Beef

Also: Baked Chicken, Sausage,
Eileen's Homemade Irish Soda
Bread, and Bob's Desserts
No sharing or to go boxes.

Bingo after Queen of Hearts

\$200 Jackpot
Plus Additional Cash Prizes

Open to Members and Their Guests

Karaoke

at the Elks

Every 1st and 3rd

Wednesday

5:00 to 9:00 PM

Hosted by

DJ Cory

Thousands of Songs
Available in Many Genres
or
Bring Your Own CD+G
Disks

Open to Elks and Their Guests

Kissimmee Elks Lodge #1873
1655 Kings Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744
(407) 847-2444



CONTACT BOB BARRY TO VOLUNTEER

RENTAL EVENTS

If you know of anyone interested in renting one of our beautiful rooms please have them call

Marianne Tithof
303-704-3415



Note: Items scheduled in the calendar may change after publication. To check on any Lodge function, please call the Lodge (407) 847-2444

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CLOSED	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 6:30 pm Charity Bingo 6 pm—8pm	Lodge Opens 4pm* Kitchen Open 5 pm - 6:30 pm *closed during lodge meeting	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 7 pm	CLOSED	Lodge Opens 4pm Kitchen Open 5 pm - 8pm Queen of ♥ Drawing 7:00 pm 	CLOSED
			1 RENTAL ANNEX <i>Karaoke w/Cory 5-9</i>	2	3 	4 RENTAL MAIN & ANNEX
5 RENTAL ANNEX	6 RENTAL Guido Travel 10-2:30 	7 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM	8 RENTAL ANNEX	9 	10 	11 RENTAL MAIN & ANNEX
12 RENTAL ANNEX 	13 RENTAL GTS Travel 1-3 PM 	14 5pm OFFICER DINNER 6pm BOD MEETING 7pm LODGE MEETING \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	15 RENTAL ANNEX RENTAL MEET 6:30 <i>Karaoke w/Cory 5-9</i>	16	17 SPECIAL DINNER & MUSIC	18 TEAMS/BAR MEETING 4:00
19 RENTAL ANNEX	20  	21	22 RENTAL ANNEX <i>Trivia w/Eileen 6:30-9:30</i>	23	24 	25 RENTAL ANNEX 
26 RENTAL ANNEX	27 	28 PER NIGHT ORIENTATION LODGE MEETING 7pm \$1.00 Hot Dogs 8pm	3/1 RENTAL ANNEX <i>Karaoke w/Cory 5-9</i>	3/2	3/3 	3/4

Friday Night
Red & White
Night

SPECIAL
DINNER
&
MUSIC

02/17/2023

PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!

FRIDAY
MARCH 17

Corned
Beef &
Cabbage
Buffet

BINGO
\$200
JACKPOT

THURSDAY
**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
NIGHT**
2/9/23

Mardi Gras



TUESDAY, MARCH 21
5 PM-7:30PM

King Cake Hurricanes
Chef Steve's Pastalaya



\$5 admission plus a dish to share

Sunday, February 12th

SUPER BOWL

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DRINK
SPECIALS

FREE
DRINK
COUPON

SQUARES

5:30 PM
DOORS
OPEN





COMPETE | CONNECT | SUCCEED

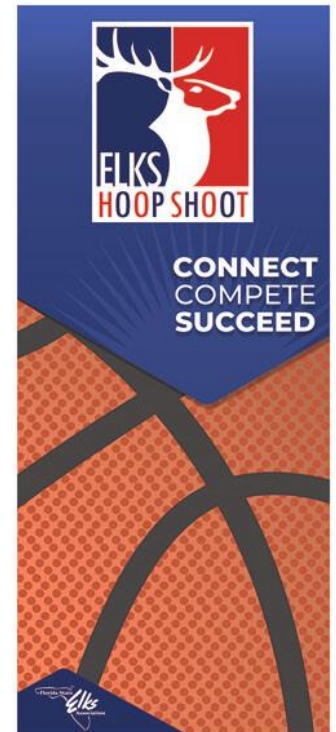


The Elks Hoop Shoot free-throw contest has served to highlight the Elks commitment to America's youth.

From the millions of youngsters who participate and advance through the local, district, state and regional competition, six national champions are named – one boy and one girl in each of the three categories: ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13.

The winners each receive a trophy and their names are inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The Elks goal with this program is to provide a character-building, competitive program for all girls and boys regardless of their previous athletic competition or abilities.



The competition takes place at the beautiful Florida Elks Youth Camp located at 24175 S.E. Hwy. 450, Umatilla, FL 32784

State Championship Program

Saturday, February 18th, 2023

Gym Open to Contestants, Families & Spectators	8:45 AM
Practice for Contestants (Balls will be provided)	8:45 AM - 9:45 AM
Officials and Volunteers Meeting	9:00 AM
Welcome & Announcements	9:45 AM 10:00 AM
Competition Begins	10:00 AM
<i>There will be a 10 Min break between each age group.</i>	
Lunch & Awards Presentation in the Pavilion	12:00 PM
State President's Message to Contestants & Families	1:00 PM



Congratulations District Winners! Good Luck at the State Championship!

2023 **HOOP SHOOT** April 20-23, 2023
NATIONAL FINALS
<https://www.elks.org/hoopshoot/nationalFinals.cfm>



Ending Veteran Homelessness Is Becoming A Reality

Last February, VA Secretary Denis McDonough challenged VA and our partners to place 38,000 Veterans into permanent housing by December 31, 2022.

Today, I am honored to report that we have met this challenge. Between January 1 and December 31, 2022, **40,401 Veterans** were placed into permanent housing. Not only did we meet the goal—we exceeded it.

Reaching this goal marks a transformation in how our nation will approach Veteran homelessness. No longer can anyone argue that homelessness is unsolvable. The progress we have achieved in just 12 months is further proof that ending Veteran homelessness can be—and is becoming—a reality.

Please join me in extending congratulations to our teammates across VA’s homeless programs. Over the past three years, they have faced extraordinary obstacles as the COVID-19 pandemic and rises in rent costs redefined the landscape of Veteran homelessness. But these teams have shown that no obstacle is greater than their dedication. As a result, the number of Veterans experiencing homelessness in America has declined by 11% since 2020 and more than 55% since 2010.

I hope every VHA employee takes pride in the results of this challenge and understands that no matter your role, location, or level of experience, you were a part of this success.

Your accomplishment is a spark of hope—to our Veterans and our country. Let us use this spark to reignite the sacred promise we owe to every Veteran: when you take the oath to serve this country, this country takes an oath to serve you.

Shereef Elnahal MD, MBA
Under Secretary for Health



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

There’s only ONE WEEK left to apply for the Legacy Awards Scholarship, which closes on February 6. The ENF is proud to offer a scholarship exclusively for the children and grandchildren of Elks. If you know an eligible high school senior planning to attend college in the fall, encourage them to apply!

“Being chosen as a Legacy [Awards] Scholarship recipient was very special to me,” says 2019 recipient Macy Freeman. “Representing the Elks was an honor because it’s an organization that is very close to my grandfather’s heart... I also had the opportunity to work for several years with a local Elks Lodge, and that was the true gift.”

For more information, visit <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/Legacy.cfm>



Did you know...

- One germ can multiply into more than 8 million germs in one day.
 - Nearly 80 percent of illness-causing germs are spread by your hands.
 - There are between 2 to 10 million bacteria on your fingertips and elbows.
 - There are more germs on your phone, keyboard and cutting board than on a toilet seat.
- One in five people don’t wash their hands, and of those that do, only 30 percent use soap.

It is flu season. The best way to protect yourself and others is to have a good understanding about Infection Prevention. Please do your part and stay healthy.

Antler's Booster Club

February 28, 2023

Dot Johnston (IMO) Les Johnston

February 28, 2024

Jane Couture (IMO) Rene Couture Jr

March 31, 2023

Fred & Fran Hammer (IMO) Amanda Anderson

May 31, 2023

John & Mary Livingston (IMO) Bruce & Izzy Simpson

June 30 2023

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Melvin Constant

June 30 2023

J Wayne Wrightstone (IMO) Wayne Farmer

June 30 2025

Addison & Sandy Walker (IMO) Heather Bock

August 31, 2028

John & Carol Hamilton (IMO) Paul & Louise Daniels

August 31, 2023

Bob & Marianne Tithof (IMO) Phyllis Jean Kirchner

October 31, 2023

Bob & Fran Barry (IMO) Wayne Sorrell

October 31, 2023

Randy Musser PDDGER (IMO) Jesse and Ina Musser

December 31, 2025

Addison Walker (IMO) Eric Bock

January 31, 2024

Robert & Karen Slater (IMO) Eric Slater

January 31, 2024

Jim & Jeannie Platt (IMO) Merle & Toby Mountz

*We do not remember days,
we remember moments.*

11 O'Clock Toast

"You have heard the tolling of 11 strokes. This is to impress upon you that with us the hour of 11 has a tender significance. Wherever an Elk may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,

To our Absent Members

Please consider using this Antler Booster Page to assist our Lodge with a personal contribution or to eulogize or memorialize someone near and dear to you. For \$20 per year, your name can appear here to acknowledge that extra contribution.

Please contact the Lodge Secretary to make a \$20 Antlers Booster donation for yourself and/or also make a donation In Memory Of (IMO) a loved one or friend.

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Americanism



Learn about our military history for FREE !! Our lodge has a corporate membership for the **Museum of Military History**. You and your family are invited to visit anytime during the year. Please see our secretary Jeannie Platt for the pass and use it as often as you like. All we ask is that you return the pass so the next members have a chance to use it.

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Office of the Secretary Hours
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 10AM-2 PM

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



LODGE MEETINGS

2nd and 4th TUESDAY
(except July, August & December)
OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 pm

Members are encouraged to attend!

**Please submit all articles for
publication by email to
thebior.elk@gmail.com
Please include your contact
information.**

2022-2023
Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Steve Schlamb
Leading Knight	Chuck Lassabe
Loyal Knight	Corine Riley
Lecturing Knight	Joe Waskelis
Lodge Secretary	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Lodge Treasurer	Steve Hebior
Esquire	John Resudek
Tiler	Robert Arredondo
Chaplain	Derek Bartolli
Inner Guard	Nicholas Schlamb

2022-2023
Board of Trustees

1-year Trustee	Rick Theriault
2-year Trustee	Brian Light
3-year Trustee	Mark Waskelis
4-year Trustee	Janice Kirsch
5-year Trustee	James Platt, PER

Central District Sponsor
PSP Victor McClellan

Central District D.D.G.E.R.
PER Brian Estus—West Citrus

Central District V.P.
PER Anthony "Tony" Schiappa - Orlando

2022/2023
Central District Visitation Schedule

2022/2023
Central District DD Clinics
April 8, 2023 Zephyrhills

Past Exalted Ruler Association (PER)

President	Robert Barry PDDGER
Vice President	Etta Jean Platt, PER
Secretary/Treasurer	James Platt, PER

2021-2022
House Committee

Co-Chair	Cindy Lee
Secretary	Eileen Barrett
Co-Chair	Terry Hebior, PER
Member	Karen Roper
Member	Judy Schmidt
Member	Cory Riley
Member	Vivian Theriault
Member	Joe Waskelis
Member	Robert Arredondo

Lodge Advisor	Robert Barry PDDGER
Lodge Attorney	Addison Walker, ESQ.